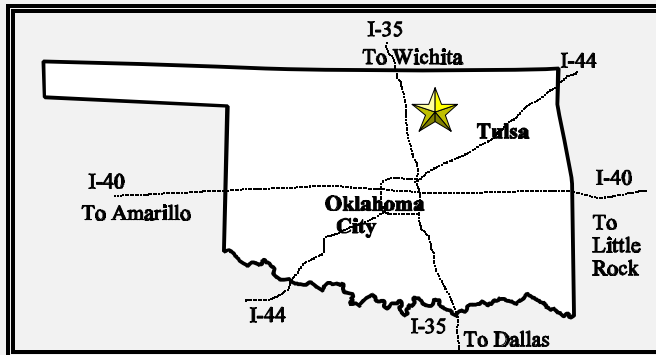


PAWNEE INDIAN TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA



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Geographical Boundaries: Pawnee and northern part of Payne County

History: The Pawnee descend from the Caddoan linguistic family. Prior to 1770, the Tribe remained in its aboriginal homeland of the Arkansas River region, obtaining weapons and supplies from French traders. As French trade abated, the Pawnee migrated northward into what is present-day Nebraska, settling near the Platte, Loup, and Republican Rivers. In a series of treaties between 1833 and 1857, the Pawnee agreed to cede all of their traditional lands to the U.S. except for a reservation 30 miles wide by 10 miles long along both banks of the Loup River. In 1876, however, the Tribe was forced to surrender this tract too, as they were then relocated en masse to a new reservation in Indian Territory. In 1893, with pressures growing for Oklahoma statehood, this new 200,000-plus acre reservation was allotted to 820 tribal members, with the remaining 171,000 acres opened to outside purchased and settlement.

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Solid Waste Preliminary Environmental Assessment: There are approximately 20 illegal solid waste dump sites within tribal jurisdiction. The Tribe currently has no codes against an individual dumping refuse on trust lands, however, federal law does prohibit this activity. The primary responsibility to eliminate and enforce policy in preventing illegal dumping upon tribal lands (all trust and restricted lands and in certain cases fee lands) belongs to the Pawnee Tribe. The Pawnee Tribal Reserve area is currently utilizing the City of Pawnee for its refuse disposal service. The waste generated consist primarily of paper and cardboard for administrative functions. Tribal residents are currently responsible for disposal of their own refuse. Building materials and lawn maintenance refuse is currently being disposed of on tribal property along the bank of a tributary. There are currently no solid waste management programs at a tribal level for assuring proper and economical disposal of solid waste.